

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2437
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No.: 09812.0590-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Taizo SHIRAI et al. |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 2437 |
| Application No.: 09/982,711 |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi |
| Filed: October 18, 2001 |) | |
| |) | Confirmation Number: 8666 |
| For: INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE, |) | |
| INFORMATION PLAYBACK DEVICE, |) | |
| INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, |) | |
| INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, |) | |
| INFORMATION PLAYBACK METHOD, |) | |
| AND PROVIDING MEDIUM |) | |

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2009, the period for response to which extends through December 1, 2009, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.